Quality seeds to farmers

4002. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed with the recommendations of various commissions, research institutions regarding the need of 100 per cent replacement of seed for improving the quality and quantity of yields;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken therefor;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have made any financial provision to support the State Governments to supply the seeds of good quality to farmers; and

(e) if so, how much outlay is earmarked for Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Government have not received the recommendations of various commissions, research institutions for 100 per cent replacement of seeds.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Rs. 1640 lakh for implementation of various components including seeds under Technology Mission on Cotton and Rs. 5200 lakh for implementation of various components including seeds under Macro-Management of state work plan have been earmarked for Andhra Pradesh. About 30% of the allocation under Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is earmarked for seed component. Assistance is also provided under Seed Village and Hybrid Rice components of the scheme Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds.

New policies of crop insurance

4003. SHRI S. K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:
SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to introduce new policies of crop insurance in the wake of increasing cases of crop loss;